

What Goes On...

Sun., May 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Ride-A-Bike, Greenbelt
Youth Center
Mon., May 8 8 p.m. Public
Hearing on Budget and City
Council Meeting, Municipal
Building
Tue., May 9, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt
Homes, Inc. Candidates night
Municipal Building

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...And More

Tue., May 9,
8 p.m. City Council Budget
Work Session on Green Ridge
House at Green Ridge House
Wed., May 10, 8 p.m. City
Council Budget Wrap Up
Work Session, Municipal
Building
Thurs., May 11, 7:30 p.m. GHI
Board meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Thursday, May 4, 1995

GHI Board Discusses Its Members' Absences; Keeps "Fee for Service" In Council Choices Not Easy Solving Budget Gap

by James Giese

It would have been a fairly short April 27 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors if the board had just stuck to its printed agenda. However, Chair Carole Levin added the subject of board attendance and the annual meeting to the agenda, and Treasurer Vonda Henry added the Member Owner's Contract (MOC). With all members present, the board deleted a requirement in the MOC requiring any member who sues GHI to pay GHI's legal costs if the member loses the suit, agreed to continue for two years the Fee for Service program but to consider further how it should operate, rescinded two previous actions on enforcing yard standards in order to allow for uniform enforcement, and gave \$200 toward the purchase of a kitchen unit for the deaf and hearing impaired program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Board Attendance

The board was clearly uncomfortable in dealing with the subject of attendance. At its last meeting the board discussed frequent absences of Henry. They were concerned that she was not attending meetings because of her objections to the meetings being videotaped by GHI member Sherry Garten. Levin said that the board members had expressed the view that GHI might be better served if another person who could better attend the meetings were Treasurer. The matter had been placed on this agenda so that it could be discussed with Henry present.

(At its March 16 special meeting the Board had adopted by a 3 to 2 vote a policy statement that its meetings, except for executive sessions, were open to the public, and that included allowing video and audio recordings to be made by anyone at any time without requirement or restrictions. Henry was absent at that meeting as were Levin and Director John O'Boyle.)

(At the March 23 meeting, Henry was present when it was called to order at 7:30 p.m., making the fifth member of the needed quorum. However, apparently after expressing concern to other members about Garten videotaping the meeting, she left, leaving the board without a quorum at 7:33 p.m. and causing it to suspend business. Then at 7:35 p.m., Director Alan Turnbull arrived and the meeting again got underway. Henry subsequently attended board executive session held much later that evening after the public

meeting was over.)

Henry said she first became aware of the board's concern about her absences when she received a "funny letter" from Levin. She felt the board was fully aware that her work as an accountant prevented her from attending meetings during the tax season. She felt that she should have been called on the phone first and that the Board should not have taken the matter up. "I don't like it. I don't appreciate it," she said.

She further declared that she has done everything a treasurer ought to do and has gone beyond what treasurers have done in the past. She

GHI Candidates' Night To be Tuesday, May 9

Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) will hold a "Candidates' Night" on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building. The event will be televised on Channel B-10. The GHI Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 21 and continues with elections on Monday, May 22 at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Monday, May 15, is the last day for submission of nominations for the Board, Audit, or Nominations and Elections Committee vacancies.

Filing for the five vacant seats on the nine member board are: Betty Deitch, Keith Jahoda, Walter Morse, Bill Phelan, Nathan Shinderman, Raymond Stevens, and Kathleen Weber.

Charles Braun has filed for the five member Nominations & Elections Committee.

No one has filed for the three-member Audit Committee.

noted that Levin, the president, had been absent for an extended period in order to go to Africa.

Turnbull [told Henry that the Board wanted to discuss the matter with her in light of the videotaping and to clarify if she planned to attend meetings in the future. He] admitted that the matter had been mishandled. Levin agreed that there was not enough communication going on. [She didn't know if Henry was not coming because of the videotaping.]

Levin asked Henry if she thought she could regularly attend meetings. Henry responded that she wanted an apology for the letter she received. Director Don Comis said that he was hearing an apology for the manner in which this matter was done and that Henry will come to meetings now that tax season is over.

Director Kathleen Weber noted that the board discussion had not been just about Henry. She said the board also discussed O'Boyle's absences, noting that he had missed more than half the meetings.

O'Boyle had announced that he would not run again. (Later in the meeting O'Boyle took exception to Weber's remarks, saying that his attendance was as good as that of other board members. He is not running again, [he said,] because he has difficulty in attending all meetings and feels that officers should not accept office if they can't attend all meetings except for illnesses or emergencies.) In the end, the board took no action regarding board attendance.

M.O.C.

At the previous meeting a motion was put forth to eliminate the clause in the MOC [that is now paragraph

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Elaine Skolnik Celebrates 40 Years with the News Review

by Dorothy Sucher

"Look! Butterflies!" she says, and points to her sweater, which has butterflies woven into the pattern. Elaine Skolnik, who in March celebrated her 40th year with the News Review, expects me to pick up the allusion, and I do. After all, I've known her for 35 of those years. And for how many has she been telling me about the never-quite-finished children's book she is writing, or planning to write, or maybe revising--the story of a butterfly? Enough years for her to have written a thousand articles on zoning, planning, city council meetings, and other far from scintillating yet vital Greenbelt topics.

News Editor and President Emeritus, Elaine is the paper's chief researcher as well as psychiatrist on duty, though when accused of being the latter she cries, "I need one myself!" Half her life has been spent on the telephone pinning down some slippery land developers, pacifying irate advertisers, and staunching the emotional wounds of the editorial staff.

With her fluttery hands, tiny, delicate frame, and air of feminine vulnerability (only in part

deceptive), she resembles a butterfly herself. To her, though, butterflies symbolize not fragility but growth and change; and Elaine herself has come far in what she refers to as her "personal journey".

Elaine and Al

The week of this interview was a reflective one for her, marking the 18th anniversary of the death of her first husband, Al Skolnik, and he is very much in her thoughts. Together

See ELAINE, page 7

by Diane Oberg

"All of the easy choices are gone," City Manager Daniel Hobbs told the Greenbelt City Council at a May 1 worksession. Greenbelt citizens have an opportunity to give council their advice on making the hard choices during the public hearing on the fiscal year 1996 (FY96) budget to be held Monday, May 8 as part of the regular council meeting, which begins at 8 p.m.

In late March, Hobbs presented his budget proposal to council. He called for a 4 cent increase in the property tax rate. Despite this, the budget was unbalanced, requiring a small transfer from reserves to close the gap. Last year, when Hobbs also had proposed a 4 cent tax increase, council was able to both add new items and cut the tax increase to 2.5 cents. This was possible because of legislation granting Greenbelt and other municipalities a share of the revenues from the hotel motel tax.

According to Hobbs, no such life-

proposal, the councilmembers made clear that they were not yet convinced that a 4 cent tax increase is needed. In the worksessions to date, they have not yet discussed how to make up the shortfall. In addition, the members have indicated some discomfort with some of the proposals made by Hobbs.

The most clear signal sent by council was at the May 1 worksession on public safety where all five council-members indicated their desire to restore the set-aside for the fire department. In addition, at the various

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saver appears likely this year. Instead, county budget troubles are reducing city flexibility. The county council has already cut the recycling rebate by \$100,000. In addition, the county executive has proposed that a scheduled increase in the municipal tax differential be cancelled. The tax differential reduces municipal residents' county tax rates in recognition of the services paid for by their city taxes. If the scheduled 8 cent increase had taken place, the city could have raised taxes by 4 cents and residents' combined city and county taxes would still have declined 4 cents (barring any county tax increase).

There were three main pressures on the budget this year. First, new property tax assessments took effect which resulted in a 3.6 percent reduction in the total assessed value of all real property. Second, the new community center is slated to open this summer. The net cost of operating this facility is equivalent to a 6 cent property tax increase. Finally, general inflation is expected to push up costs by roughly 2 percent.

As a result, the city manager proposed few new projects and several cuts. He recommended eliminating the set-aside of 1 cent of the property tax rate for the fire department, since the fire department is a county responsibility. No cost of living adjustment was proposed for city employees, although performance and service based adjustments would continue. Pool pass fees were proposed to increase by 3%. And authorized staffing for the police department and Greenbelt CARES were proposed to be reduced by one position each (police cadet and crisis intervention counselor). Both positions proposed for elimination are currently vacant.

Not Convinced

When Hobbs presented his budget

budget worksessions council-members have expressed an interest in meeting some of the departments' "unmet needs," including an additional officer and office help for the police department.

Come the final worksession on May 10 and the budget adoption on May 22, council will have to bite the bullet and determine the combination of revenues and expenditures it will approve. It is starting with Hobbs' budget, which needs revenue increases or expenditure cuts equivalent to 4 cents on the property tax rate to balance expenditures and revenues as required by law. If the fire department set-aside is restored, an additional 1 cent is required. And each \$53,000 in expenditures is equivalent to an additional penny on the property tax rate.

Tax or Cut

Property tax increases are not the only way to close the gap. Although new revenue sources are unlikely, council could cut other proposed expenditures, reduce the contributions to the capital project reserves (though this would reduce the city's future ability to fund infrastructure improvements and other capital projects), transfer funds from the undesignated reserve fund or some combination of the above options.

The decisions they make also affect future budgets. Transfers of reserves are one time solutions--the next year another source of revenue is needed to once again close the gap. Expenditure choices can grow over time--while the proposed new officer position would be partially funded by a federal grant, in three years the city would have to cover the entire cost of the officer. On the other hand, elimination of positions or the cost of living increase reduce future budgets as well as the current year's.



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Do you remember? Please tell us. Who are the people in this old photograph? Who was receiving the gifts? Why? On what occasion? When? Where was the picture taken? Call 474-4131 to leave your answer at the editor's desk or mail it to Box 68, Greenbelt 20768.

—photo courtesy of George Neumann

Corrections

There were two errors in budget stories in past issues.

In the March 30 issue, Mayor Bram was quoted as whittling a proposed 4c tax increase to no increase. In fact, the city council adopted a 2.5c tax rate increase last year.

In the April 27 issue on property assessments, it was stated that the city could increase its tax rate up to the constant yield rate of \$1,396 without being required to advertise its intention to do so. In fact, because assessed values decreased this year, the city is exempt from the state law requiring advertisements and may increase or decrease its tax rate in any amount.

Reception/Exhibit For Local Painter

"Maryland Greens," an exhibit of paintings by Greenbelt resident Barbara Stevens will be featured in the Resident Artist's Gallery of the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center through May 25. A public reception will be held on Friday, May 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.

These paintings are a continuation of Steven's exploration of the lush greens and rich forests of the Maryland landscape. They were influenced by her having moved to Greenbelt in 1991. American quilt patterns dominate Steven's light-filled skies as a counterpoint to the dark, mysterious greens and the fluid, organic shape and patterns created by the trees.

Steven's work has been supported in part by a grant from the Prince Georges Arts Council and the PGAC Super Circle. For more information, call 301-953-1998 or TTY 301-490-2329.

Parkdale Reunion

There will be a reunion of the class of 1975 of Parkdale High School on Saturday, May 13 at La Fontaine Bleu. Call the Reunion Company (301) 294-0960 for information.

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Letters

Biker's U.S. 1

At the last City Council meeting where a moratorium on mountain biking in our woods was approved, Mr. Farris referred to himself as the voice of reason. His reason is his own special desire to use the last of our green belt for his own trendy hobby rather than a sincere concern for our woods. Mr. Farris said that without his "experienced maintenance, the trails will continue to deteriorate. One wonders how nature lived this long without our benevolent interference for our own use rather than allowing the natural area to exist.

I have been walking these "unplanned" trails for 40 years and up until five or six years ago, these were meandering single file deer trails. If we had wanted planned, maintained trails (roads) in our woods, we could have allowed the entire woodland to be developed and they could ride their bicycles on the roads where they belong. To say that mountain bikers are not the cause of devastation to those trails and to the rest of the woodland is a simple, self-serving excuse to turn our once peaceful trails into a biker's U.S. 1. If left alone, the land will heal itself in spite of these people's claim that something needs to be done.

Bill Rich

Hoyer Gets Inducted Into Hall of Fame

Congressman Steny Hoyer was inducted into the University of Maryland's newly established Alumni Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 22. He was honored along with 20 other inductees at a black-tie gala that took place in the Grand Ballroom of the university's Stamp Union.

To be considered for the honor, nominees needed to have received at least one degree from the University of Maryland, been out of school for 15 years, and must have achieved or demonstrated sustained excellence in their profession after graduation.

Hoyer graduated in 1963 with a degree in Business and Management. He has spent nearly 30 years in public service, currently representing Maryland's 5th Congressional District. In 1966 he was elected to the Maryland Senate and nine years later became its youngest president. In 1981, he was elected to the U.S. Congress. He currently serves in one of only five Democratic leadership positions in the House. Hoyer was chief House sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act legislation.

Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m.
Public Hearing on the Budget and
City Council Meeting live.

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.
GHI Candidates Night live.

Thursday, May 11th

6:00pm Senator Leo Green—"Faces & Places"
General Assembly 1995 Wrap-Up
6:30pm GHI Candidates Night replay
8:30pm Public Hearing on Budget and
City Council Meeting of May 8-replay.

GIVES Signs Agreement For Technical Assistance

At the City Council meeting on April 24, Pat Unger, convener of the Project Design Committee of Greenbelt's Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cooperative Caring Network (CCN) of the United States Health Cooperative. CCN will provide technical and training assistance to the Service exchange, including the service of a VISTA volunteer. Farrell Dido, Director of CCN, welcomed GIVES and the city into its area-wide pool of volunteers.

begin and the service credit credit bank will exist.

Unger reported with regret that the grant recently sought from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation turned out to be too restrictive requiring that most of the \$25,000, one-year, non-renewable funds be used to hire a full-time director. The group will continue to seek funding from other sources.

Those who have studied the "graying of Greenbelt" see an immediate need for assistance, especially for disabled seniors who could remain in their own homes without needing to pay for help that can be provided through the exchange. It has been pointed out that everyone who participated in the celebration of the city's 50th Anniversary in 1987 is now eight years older. A letter from a resident who needs transportation to NIH in Bethesda for chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer underscored the value of the volunteer pool.

Any civic, service, business, or religious organization, or interested individual wishing to participate should call Pat Unger at 474-1052 or Karen Haseley in the Youth Center, 474-6878, for further information.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, AND PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF GREENBELT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995/96

Greenbelt Municipal Building

MAY 8, 1995 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Public Hearing on the FY/1995-96 Budget
7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- * 8. Minutes of Meeting
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend the City Code to Make It Consistent with the State Code as Regards Crosswalks at Intersections -First Reading
12. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Truck Repairs -First Reading, Suspension of the Rules -Second Reading and Final Passage

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Request for Assistance from Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Service Exchange
14. Recognition Proposal by Advisory Committee on Education
- * 15. Top Five List for 1995 - Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council Meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Dorothy Lauber, City Clerk

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Faces of Greenbelt Show Opens May 6

"Faces of Greenbelt," an exhibit of photographs of Greenbelters, will be on view at The Gallery, on the lower level of the Greenbelt library from May 1 to 26. An opening reception will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ride-A-Bike Rescheduled

Sunday, May 7 is The Association for Retarded Children (ARC) of Prince Georges County's 23rd annual Ride-A-Bike. This year's event will once again be held in Greenbelt from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event begins and ends at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Participants may choose to walk around the lake or ride their bikes 16KM through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The event was rained out last Sunday.

Ride-A-Bike, Take-A-Hike is The ARC's major annual fundraiser. The ARC is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to making Prince Georges County a great place to live, learn, work and play for people with mental retardation and their families. All participants who bring in a pledge sheet with at least \$50 in pledges will receive a commemorative T-shirt. A free lunch is provided for all participants, for those who raise \$100 or more, special prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is invited to come on out and enjoy the fun, exercise and lunch while helping to support their community. For more information or a pledge form call 474-6878.

Country Line Dancing

Country line dancing has finally come to Greenbelt! Starting Monday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt firehouse will be the place to be!

Learn the latest in country line dances instructed by Faith Hines.

The class will last one hour and will be followed by one hour of practice time.

To obtain further information, (see ad) contact the Greenbelt Fire Department on 345-7000, Nancy Remenick (474-8066) or Kathy Reynolds (474-4372).

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Golden Age Club meeting on May 10 will be the birthday party for May — a beautiful time for a party!

The speakers who came from the Bowie Health Center gave a presentation about safety for seniors, especially in the home, where most accidents occur. Some members had a hearing screening, given by an audiologist from the Center.

Plans are to have the video tape on Australia as soon as possible.

After the wonderful April trip, the members are looking forward to the trip on May 25. See Jim Maher at the meetings to sign up to go to Ellicott City.

It's Spring! Get into activities around town.

NARFE to Meet

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, May 10 at noon at the Greenbelt Library. The speaker will be Julia Wright, from Blue Cross & Blue Shield speaking on health issues. The annual June dinner will be coming up June 14. See newsletter for details.

At the Library

Wednesday, May 10 P.J. Storytime. Ages 4 - 6 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 11 Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 10:15 a.m.

ADULT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 13

Poetry Plus: A Reading and Discussion Group. 10:30 a.m. Led by Karen Arnold, Poet in Residence at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center. Rap group, Native Sun will read and perform urban poetry.

Sculpture Exhibit

During the month of May, clay sculptures by students of Greenbelt Elementary School will be exhibited on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library. These works were created in classes taught by Barbara Simon, a Greenbelt artist and arts educator. The classes were made possible through grants from the Prince Georges Arts Council with additional funding from the school's PTA.

Greenbelt Greens Meeting Scheduled

The Greenbelt Greens will meet on Tuesday, May 9 in the Greenbelt Police Station at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information phone 474-1998. Everyone is welcome.

Fun at Goddard

The Visitor Center of the Goddard Space Flight Center will host the following activities:

Model Rocket Launch

Model rockets will take to the skies on Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. People should bring their own rocket or come out and watch the other rocketeers. All launches are monitored for safety and are held weather permitting.

Star Watch

Tour the night skies on Saturday, May 13, from 8-10 p.m. The Visitor Center's telescope will be available for those without a telescope or binoculars. Should the weather be uncooperative, the make-up date will be May 20.

Saturday Video

The Earth's atmosphere is continuously bombarded by particles from the sun and other objects in space. Find out more about these particles and the atmosphere at the showing of the video "The Atmosphere Below" on Saturday, May 13, at 1 p.m.

The Visitor Center is located on Soil Conservation Road. All events are free and interpreters will be provided for the hearing impaired with seven days notice, through TDD at 286-8103. For information on these and other activities call 286-8981.

Look at the Stars With Astronomy Club

by Doug Love

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club, in conjunction with the Goddard Astronomy Club and Owens Science Center, is hosting Astronomy Day at the Owens Science Center on Greenbelt Road between Goddard and Good Luck Road this Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 10 p.m.

Starting at 4 p.m., many kinds of telescopes will be on display, and their owners will explain their characteristics and advantages. Everyone is welcome to bring their telescopes. A prominent display of captured meteorites will be displayed by the renowned meteorist George Gliba. Prominent lazy person Doug Love will demonstrate lawn-chair positions for watching meteor showers. Many other exhibits on observing the sun and sky pollution will be available, plus free handouts from Sky and Telescope magazine on getting started in Astronomy.

Later in the evening, a planetarium show and popular talks on what to look for in the sky will be given by President Russ Waugh in the planetarium chamber. From dusk to 10 p.m., observing with telescopes, binoculars and naked eyes will be available if the weather permits. Even if it is partly cloudy, the crescent moon will be observable. And many observers will try to show Mars just past opposition, Mercury at its greatest elongation in the evening sky, and the many double stars, star clusters and galaxies to be seen in the spring skies.

Many door prizes will be given away. Several star maps from MMI Corp. in Baltimore, a nice pair of binoculars donated by Ritz Camera, and one of George Gliba's prized telescopes will be given away. Come and leave at any time between 4 and 10 p.m., and enjoy the heavens!

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directed by
Daniel Ray Young



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The Greenbelt Elementary PTA

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Patti Cain

On Thursday, April 27, Patti Cain, 44, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, died after a long illness.

...Patti resided for 17 years in Windsor Green, where both she and her late husband, Mike, were very active in community affairs. Patti served for several years on the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Nursery School, most recently as president. She was instrumental in establishing the volunteer program and first school board at St. Hugh's School. She served on the school board for three years and was elected president last year. For several years, Patti led the school choir, which performed on many occasions at St. Hugh's.

At St. Hugh's Patti was Director of Music, chairperson of the Liturgy Committee, and a member of the Parish Council. For many years, she played the organ at Sunday Mass.

Patti is survived by children Devin, Maggi and Patrick, her parents, Charles and Catherine Norman of Elkton, Md., as well as by four sisters and six brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Hugh's Catholic Church, or to Hospice of Prince Georges County, 96 Harry S. Truman Drive, Largo, MD 20772.

In Memoriam

We will greatly miss Patti Cain, for not only was she active in the parish, but she truly exemplified the Christian way of life. Patti was a tremendous asset to her community. She was a caring, devoted friend to many of us. Her kindness and generosity touched us. Her faith and courage were an inspiration. Above all she was a loving mother to her three children, Devin, Maggi and Patrick. She was greatly loved by all who knew her and will live on in our hearts.

St. Hugh's Parish Community

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road
Sun., May 7, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

"To Pray or Not to Pray"
Program by the Youth Group
Church School 9:30 & 11:15
Assistive Listening Devices
Rev. R.H. Thompson 937-3666

Baha'i Faith

"It is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to reconcile their differences, and with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving kindness."

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
Baha'i Sacred Writings
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt****MASS**

Municipal Building Sundays
10 A.M.

Peterson-**Van Orsow**

Heather Peterson and Doug Van Orsow were married on April 29 at Saint John's Church in Baltimore.

The bride is the daughter of Eileen Peterson of Greenbelt and William S. Peterson of Washington, D.C. The groom is the son of Tom and Kathy Van Orsow of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The maid of honor and best man were Katherin Bond and her fiance John Wallin, both of Fairfax, Virginia.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a 1987 graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis, where she studied the liberal arts through a Great Books program. She works as a freelance history writer.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of the University of Iowa, where he majored in astronomy. He works at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

After a honeymoon in Oxford, England, the couple will live on Maplewood Court.

Spring Food Harvest

The Office of Volunteer Services and Resource Development in Hyattsville is implementing Spring Harvest in order to replenish the food pantry to help feed the homeless. Contributions of non-perishable food items can be donated to the Family Emergency Shelter, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For information contact Maria Carrasquillo at 422-5021.

"My mother and brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."
Luke 8:21

Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 AM
Worship Services (Sun.) 11:00 AM
Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 6:00 PM
Reverend Drew Shofner -- Pastor 7:45 PM

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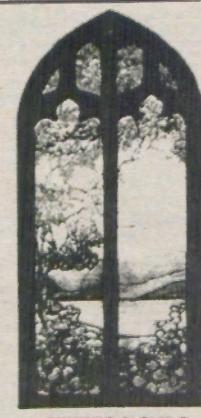
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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ERHS Students Attend Program Against Drinking

by Katherine Adelaide

On April 19 Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Students Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) chapter President Jennifer Parker (age 18) and members Jaclyn Hay (age 17), Dori Wolf and Alicia Clott (both age 16) attended "The Next Step," an underage drinking prevention conference held at the George Washington University. The purpose of the conference, sponsored by the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), was to unite community and youth leaders in sharing techniques for battling the increase in under twenty-one alcohol consumption and its related tragedies, including drunk driving accidents and fatalities, death by alcohol poisoning, date rape, domestic and criminal violence, impaired personal and family relationships, unplanned pregnancy and fetal alcohol syndrome.

The conference featured interactive work sessions to discuss various issues surrounding underage drinking, including the impact of law enforcement, the role of alcohol advertising and the involvement of youth in this growing community problem, and to develop community-focused action plans to reduce underage drinking. The conference featured a special awards luncheon, including keynote speaker and presenter WRC-TV anchor Susan Kidd, to recognize groups and individuals who have led the crusade to stop under 21 drinking.

Jennifer Parker, of Ridge Road, and a senior at ERHS received an award for the school based on her essay entitled "S.A.D.D.

Saves." In the essay she describes how the ERHS chapter promotes the no-use message through local lobbying, video productions, bumper stickers, key chains, and educational assemblies.

Reidy, vice principal at ERHS and SADD sponsor, was on hand to congratulate Parker and the other student members. Parker, along with other youth leaders, also spoke at a press conference held earlier that day.

SADD member Dori Wolf had this to say about the conference: "This was not just another boring conference; it was inspiring, empowering and completely worthwhile. We came back with some great ideas which we in-

tend to implement immediately, such as Prom Promise, a statement signed by prom participants agreeing not to drink."

Greenbelt Cable Access plans to tape a panel discussion by the four ERHS students on the conference including "the next step" in stopping underage drinking in Greenbelt. This will be aired shortly before prom and graduation on May 31. As many of SADD's current members are graduating seniors, all incoming freshmen and returning ERHS students are encouraged to join this school and community service organization. Membership and participation in SADD fulfill the community service graduation requirement. Adult sponsors are also needed. Interested persons may contact Parker at 345-9573.

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Official Notice

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS SCHEDULED A
PUBLIC HEARING

for
Monday, May 8, 1995 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1995/96
FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE
CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 1995/96

REVENUES

1. Taxes	Proposed Budget
2. Licenses & Permits	\$9,886,700
3. Revenue from other Agencies	425,600
4. Service Charges for Current Services	676,200
5. Fines & Forfeitures	1,267,900
6. Miscellaneous Revenues	139,200
	240,200

TOTAL REVENUES

Appropriation of Fund Balance

TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$1,266,700
Planning & Development	383,500
Public Safety	4,569,000
Public Works	1,777,800
Social Services	262,400
Recreation and Parks	2,975,200
Miscellaneous	79,100
Debt Service	0
Reserves	1,418,900

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Cemetery	\$ 14,600
Debt Service Fund	1,360,200
Replacement Fund	311,200
Temporary Disability Fund	5,000
Unemployment Compensation Fund	5,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDS

Capital Improvements Fund II	\$ 0
Capital Improvements Fund III	0
Capital Improvements Fund IV	800,000
Capital Projects Fund	2,155,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	282,960

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$ 937,069
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Public attendance and participation are encouraged, and all citizens or Greenbelt shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments, and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.

If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on May 8th.

Copies of the Proposed Budget and Capital Improvements Program may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, or at the County Library, 11 Crescent Road. For information, please call 474-3870 or 474-8000.

Dorothy Lauber, CMC
City Clerk

NOTE: THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CABLECAST LIVE ON CHANNEL
B-10.

Small Tax Bite Will Fund Department with Big Duties

by Diane Oberg

As city departments go, the Department of Planning and Community Development is small, with total employment equivalent to just 6.7 full time workers. However, it is responsible for a range of responsibilities disproportionate to its budget.

Many citizens are familiar with the department's parking enforcement officer, added in last year's budget. Businesses in the city may be more familiar with the code enforcement officers, who have primary responsibility for seeing that businesses and rental properties are "up to code." Fans of cable television's coverage of city council meetings are likely more familiar with Director Celia Wilson, who attends most council meetings to give her assessment of various development proposals.

The department is also responsible for overseeing the city's capital improvement projects and planning for the city's infrastructure and transportation needs. On the agenda for the next fiscal year are: construction of Greenbrook Lake (to start in July), overseeing the Lakewood storm drainage improvements, keeping on top of proposals to develop the property around the Metro station and on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and developing strategies to deal with the city's aging infrastructure and housing. Finally, the department is working with the county and other municipalities to "develop a staged delegation of planning and zoning authority."

The \$383,500 proposed budget for the department represents a 5% decrease from last year's budget (but a 4.5% increase over estimated expenditures). Last year's budget was inflated by the costs of professional services relating to the community center project. Estimated expenditures were held below the budget authorization primarily because the part-time planner position was kept vacant following the employee's resignation. The current budget proposal calls for filling that position in FY1996 (which begins July 1 of this year).

Safe-housing

Among the department's goals for the next year is development of a "safe-housing program," in which city inspectors would examine houses at the homeowner's request to identify unsafe conditions. The housing in the city's core is old and structural problems are beginning to appear. Wilson told how city inspectors saved a homeowner considerable money by noticing a buckling wall and alerting the homeowner to make repairs before the wall failed. The de-

partment also hopes to develop a five year program with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to bring its property up to modern codes.

According to Wilson, the department's goal is to ensure compliance with appropriate standards, not to fine businesses and homeowners. However, when necessary, the department does take violators to court.

The revenues associated with the department are somewhat unpredictable and likely to decline in the future. As expected, the costs of the community development operation were covered by revenues from license and permit fees, parking revenues and a county grant. However, the last budget anticipated using virtually no general city revenues to support the planning operation. Instead, due to slow development of two major projects, \$94,900 in general city revenues were required. The FY-96 budget anticipates requiring \$21,600 in general city revenues. (It should be noted, however, that the planning operation was never expected to be self-supporting.)

At the April 25 worksession on the department's budget, there was little discussion or controversy over the proposed budget. Wilson pointed out some budget requests not incorporated in the final budget proposal—a \$12,000 software upgrade, an additional inspector and a new vehicle for the parking enforcement officer. She urged council to try to find funds for at least the software upgrade and vehicle.

The budget shows that parking revenues have increased from \$37,155 in FY1994 to an estimated \$75,000 for FY 1995 (which ends June 30). However, as residents and visitors wise up, parking revenues are starting to decline. Regardless, they are likely to more than cover the costs of the enforcement officer for the foreseeable future, according to Wilson and Hobbs.

Mayor Antoinette Bram, who had not supported last year's proposal to hire a parking officer urged that more warnings and fewer tickets be issued. However, she got little support from her colleagues. Councilmembers Judith Davis, Thomas White and Edward Putens reported hearing little but praise for the increased enforcement effort.

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GHI

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14] that requires that [if] GHI members who sue the corporation and lose, to [they must] pay GHI's legal costs. This motion was defeated on a 3 to 3 vote. Henry, who was not present then, requested reconsideration and moved that the paragraph be deleted from future contracts with Comis seconding. In supporting the motion, Henry noted that federal law had been enacted concerning the matter of who should pay for lawsuits. However, other members noted that only the House of Representatives had passed the tort reform legislation and that it might not ever become law.

Audit Committee member Walter Morse, GHI member Nat Shinderman and Comis all spoke against the paragraph. They felt it discourages members from filing legitimate law suits. The board voted 6 to 3 in favor of the motion to delete the paragraph with Directors Wayne Williams, Alan Freas and O'Boyle being in the minority.

Fee for Service

The discussion of the fee for service program began with Levin stating that the board must first decide if the program should exist at all. O'Boyle moved that the program be continued for the next 24 months with policy set by the board. Comis tried to replace the motion with one to end the program on May 24, but did not get a second to his motion. O'Boyle argued that his sense was that the program had been good for the membership. While some have been dissatisfied, most were pleased with it. As a program, he went on, it does much more good than not.

Although Henry expressed the view that the program should be for profit and separate from GHI, she called for a vote on the question, and that vote carried 7 to 2, ending discussion. O'Boyle's motion carried by the same 7 to 2 vote with Comis and Turnbull being in the minority. (Turnbull stated that he voted against these motions because he wanted to talk more about it and that he was not unhappy with the outcome.)

The board then discussed policy issues and Comis proposed that the program be limited in scope and types of jobs to those listed by the manager in an April 24 report. However, General Manager Gretchen Overdurff asked for 30 days to consider and make recommendations, noting that the program was presently without a director. After discussion, the board agreed by consensus to defer the subject to the next meeting with the manager to suggest policy issues. Henry wanted the board to decide whether the program should make a profit or be subsidized.

Other Items

Levin proposed two bylaw changes to be put before the May 21 annual meeting, one to provide for three-year terms on the board with three up for election each year and the other to require in the future that members of the Nominations and Elections Committee (N & E) must resign at least 30 days before an election if they intend to run for the board or the Audit Committee. (N & E member Walter Morse has filed as a candidate for the board and another member is believed to be thinking of running. The five member N & E Committee is responsible for the conduct of GHI elections.) The board agreed that these issues were too complex to be hastily put forth and that they should be considered in greater detail with member input prior to the next

election.

Comis wanted no paid staff or legal counsel to attend the annual meeting. That was later clarified to be staff members who would receive extra compensation for attending the meeting. He also proposed having a different parliamentarian because he likes to have different people. On the first, he withdrew his proposal in order to discuss it at the last meeting before the annual meeting and on the latter he found no support as Levin expressed her comfort with the parliamentarian used in the past.

Joey Jones, partner in Chaconas & Wilson, P.C. presented that firm's audit report for GHI for 1994. It found GHI's and its subsidiary's, Greenbelt Development Corporation, results of operations and cash flows for the year to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles—an unqualified opinion according to Jones. He particularly noted that there was not a lot of difference between the budget and year end figures. "Whatever you're doing, you're doing the right thing," he commented.

The board voted to rescind two previous board motions that limited the enforcement of yard standards. [So that yard and common area upkeep would be uniform.] One motion, passed in 1988, had limited enforcement to only the worst 15% of yard violations. The other, passed in 1993, had placed a moratorium on the raking of leaves in the common area behind the 14 Court Hillside Road and 51 and 53 Courts of Ridge Road. [This had been done in an effort to curb erosion, but staff did not believe this to be effective and had caused members to dump leaves from their own yards creating a soggy, wet mass around the play equipment.] The board directed staff to remove the leaves in these areas and reseed and fertilize in an attempt to grow grass.

The board approved a donation of \$200 to the deaf and hearing impaired program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to be used toward the purchase of a self-contained kitchen unit by a 5 to 4 vote. Weber, Williams, Turnbull and Henry opposed. Weber was concerned that GHI had only a finite amount of money to give and Williams said that he would have preferred to give \$50. Freas had moved to give \$100, but Comis, in seconding the motion, said he preferred \$200 and Freas went along with that figure.

Azaleas in Bloom

One of the most spectacular displays of azaleas in the nation is now at its peak of bloom. Each spring at the National Arboretum the southeast slope of Mount Hamilton is ablaze with color, as thousands of Glenn Dale azaleas, ranging from pure white through pinks and reds to the deepest of purples, burst into bloom. Scattered among the azaleas on the seven acre site are snow-white dogwoods that lightly contrast with the azaleas to create an ethereal beauty. When in flower, this world famous display is the single greatest spring attraction of the 444-acre Arboretum.

The U.S. National Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Avenue, N.E. in Washington, D.C. The telephone number is 202-245-2726.

WW II Veterans Alert

The 50-year celebration of D-Day last year was a somber reminder for many World War II veterans that those war-time buddies who survived the war are fast succumbing to old age. Many veterans lost touch with friends upon the war's end and a return to civilian life. Now with most WWII vets in retirement, many have time to reflect on their war-time friendships.

Several organizations assist vets in finding old comrades. One relatively new and unique one is the Registry of American Veterans (ROAV). ROAV gathers information from veterans and computerizes their name, current residence, military units they served in each outfit. Persons who join ROAV will receive an initial and annual printout of the available information of all veterans who served in the same unit during the same time frame as the joining member. The printout will show the current address and phone number of surviving unit members.

Veterans are encouraged to write to ROAV for information on how to get themselves registered. ROAV will send the proper form to complete and become part of the database. The address is Registry of American Veterans, P.O. Box 51148, Riverside, California 92517.

UMCP Recital

The Department of Music at the University of Maryland at College Park invites the public to attend a free noon recital being held Tuesday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. As part of the Noon Recital Series, students from all four performing divisions (piano, string, voice, and instrumental) will take part. For more information call 405-1150.

Volunteers Needed

The Prince Georges County Unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to help organize its annual Singles Auction, to be held in August. Volunteers are needed to help with publicity for the event, participant recruitment, event logistics, and sponsorship solicitation. Proceeds from the auction will help fund cancer research, prevention programs, and patient services throughout the county. Planning meetings are held monthly in Greenbelt. For more information, please call Leslie Hill at (301) 261-6000.

Fifty Years Ago**V-E Day Celebrated**

by James Giese

May 1944—Greenbelters hailed the halfway mark to victory, V-E Day (Victory in Europe), with ceremonies on Tuesday, May 8. With the "full realization that only half a victory has been won," over 200 residents participated in a program whose topic was "What V-E Day Means to Me." Speakers were Mayor Allen D. Morrison; Helen Bolshazy, past president of the Navy Wives Club of America; Leon Benefiel, commander of the Greenbelt Post of the American Legion; John E. Waldo, scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts; Wells Harrington, president of the Citizens Association; Ben Rosenzweig of the Hebrew Congregation and John P. Speicher, principal of Greenbelt High School.

In an editorial, the Greenbelt Cooperator staff said that it saw V-E Day through a mist of tears. "One could give thanks that half of the globe-encircling conflict was over, but one could never forget the incalculable suffering of the broken hearts and homes left in the wake of the war in Europe," it said.

"Can the races and nations of mankind ever learn to live as brothers?" it continued. "We looked at our children playing on the rug and knew that they too would eventually be engulfed in war if the peace treaties leave anywhere on the face of this earth a group of morose, underprivileged people who can be convinced that their only hope lies in fighting."

In the Old Days

Gladys Spellman Nursing Center in Cheverly is seeking volunteers interested in recording its residents' life histories. This is a task that should prove particularly interesting for those with a fascination with local history. To volunteer call 699-2800.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, May 11, 1995
7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room**Key Agenda Items**

- Committee Reports
- Woodlands Committee Presentation
- Functions of Ad Hoc Committees
- Integrated Pest Management
- Homeowners Insurance Group Discount Package
- Annual Meeting Planning

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Elaine Skolnik

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the two of them rescued the foundering News Review, which had somehow managed to exist for 15 years as a cooperative staffed by idealistic volunteers (still basically true), but which was about to go under. The two worked long hours. Elaine led fund drives and wrote the "Our Neighbors" column. It's a story that has often been told in these pages. Al put his stamp on the paper; Elaine, a seemingly timid housewife with three children, hovered in his shadow. He was intellectual, with strong convictions. He marshalled his arguments with care and always seemed to win.

"I'm bolder now," she says. "I could stand up to him. But I'm still not too comfortable with confrontation. It's funny, considering the business I'm in. But I always try to see both sides."

"Al had a dream," she goes on. "He had a mission. Vic has a dream, too," she is speaking of Vic Nicholson, to whom she has been married for ten years--"but Vic's a free spirit. He wants to enhance the world." Vic is an inventor and holds patents for visionary technologies to enhance schools and economic development and raise up impoverished communities. The pair are trying to find ways to put these ideas into action. Elaine, who will be 70 in

June, and Vic, who is over 80, defy the stereotypes associated with aging.

I ask her, "How come you're attracted to men with a mission?"

She laughs. She is taken aback. Such a personal question! She's just handed me, with the girlish giggle and fluttery hands that have disarmed many an unwary politico, a two-page statement she wrote this morning to give me. It's about the need of the News Review for new blood. It mentions that four of the five board members are over 60. Elaine, as usual, is trying to well, maybe not manage the news, but put her own spin on it. This time she isn't getting away with it. "Men with a mission?" I repeat.

She gives the question some thought. "Maybe when I was younger, I put certain kinds of men on a pedestal. I looked at them in awe. I was a kid who always wanted to do good deeds. My friends and I used to pick up trash from the street, or we'd put on little shows for my Aunt Jean, because she was sick." She laughs again, and flings her arms wide. "Maybe I have a mission--to help men with a mission!" The arms sweep down like wings.

If You Can't Say Something Nice

"I was always such a good little girl, a mama's girl," she says. "Protected. It wasn't so great, you don't develop." She was an only child, born in Paterson, New Jersey, where her parents worked first in a silk mill, then twelve hours a day in a candy store

Elaine slept on a couch in the living room. Her father--"such a nice guy"--taught her never to say anything unless she could say something nice--a deeply-ingrained lesson she still struggles with today. Elaine will listen endlessly, trying by reasoned words and gentle patience to persuade, doubtless the reason she has few real enemies despite the power she wields. She always tries to reach a consensus, wants everybody to be happy. Yet from her rock-bottom principles, nothing will budge.

Her mother was a perfectionist, always critical of Elaine's looks and the way she dressed, although Elaine was pretty enough to have a brief modeling career in her teens. Her mother could have been a writer, Elaine believes. "She had so much talent that when she was in school, her teacher wanted to adopt her. Instead, she went to work in a mill.



Elaine Skolnik marks her 40th year with the Greenbelt News Review.
—photo by Barbara Tyrroler

Elaine and Vic

"One day on the roof, near the tennis court, I started talking to a tall, thin man. He lived in the building and we kept bumping into each other. After two months he said, 'We ought to get to know each other better.' So we started going out." That was Vic.

She wonders sometimes what her life would have been like if she'd moved into another court, but feels that "some things are meant to be."

If the News Review was her fate, it wasn't to be an easy one. In 1966 a land developer sued Al Skolnik and the paper for libel, and the four-year struggle that followed shortened Al's life and affected Elaine's health. Her weight was down to 98 pounds, and her children, who'd sometimes resented her absorption in the paper, feared she might die.

After Al's death, she took his place at the helm of the paper. "Writing was my biggest problem," she says. "I didn't think I could measure up to others on the staff. But I could feel that Al was actually with me, encouraging me, touching me. It was a way to be close to him, but it was also an awakening, as I learned to tap my own strengths." The stress of those years took its toll, and often she looked drawn and ill. "The community took such good care of me. Everyone protected me. But then one day I thought, 'It's wonderful, but could I manage on my own?'" Despite enormous anxiety, she moved out of Greenbelt and took a furnished apartment in Friendship Heights for three months.

"I'm a very tense person," she says. "But Vic is much looser, and it's nice to hear someone say, 'relax.' He lives in the moment. I've learned that from him. You can find peace in the moment." Her eyes become soft, reflective. "It's the moment...this very moment..."

25th Spring Festival

A variety of events for children and families are planned for the 25th Annual Spring Festival at the Montpelier Spring Festival. This free special event will be held on Sunday, May 7 from noon to 6 p.m. There will be more than 100 artists and craftors, a variety of foods, free pony rides, a children's parade, free facepainting, free balloons, animals, community organizations exhibits, tours of the historic mansion, vehicle displays and special attractions. For children, "Dinosaurs Forever" will begin at 12:15 p.m. followed by Spats, the Lost Vaudevillian, and a puppet production of "Peter and the Wolf." Clowns and animal characters will be in abundance to give a handshake or a hug.

There is limited parking available at the Montpelier Mansion grounds on Route 197 in South Laurel. Additional parking with free shuttle service by the Connect-A-Ride bus will be provided from the Route 197 Park and Ride Lot. The event is co-sponsored by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the South Laurel Recreation Council, Inc. For information, call 776-2805.

Watkins Nature Walk

Watkins Nature Center, located in Watkins Regional Park, is sponsoring a moonlight nature walk on May 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Participants are invited to explore the strange noises and half-seen creatures that appear as nightfall approaches. These nocturnal animals are amazing and this exploratory nature walk will allow a glimpse into the lives of bats, owls, deer and more. In the event of rain this event will be cancelled.

This program is free, but pre-registration is required by noon on May 11. For more information call (301) 249-6202; TTY (301) 699-2544.

Chorale Concert

The University of Maryland Chorale will hold its annual "Pops" Concert on Sunday, May 7, at 8 p.m., in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building on the College Park Campus. The program will feature popular Broadway music with solos from students in the Chorale. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For information call 405-5537.

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Time: 9 AM to 2 PM

POLICE BLOTTER

**Based on Information
Released by the Greenbelt
Police Department**

A gym bag containing a loaded semi-automatic gun in addition to clothes was stolen from beside a vehicle parked outside a residence in the 8100 block of Lakecrest Dr. around 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24; the owner had been unloading stuff from his vehicle and had left the gym bag outside during one of his trips into his home. When he returned to get his bag, it was gone.

When a woman returned to her vehicle in a parking lot of the Greenway Center, she found a stranger inside it. She confronted the person, and the person left, getting into another, occupied vehicle, and driving away. The suspects are described as (1) male, black, about 18 years old, 5'9", muscular build, short black hair, wearing a light T shirt; and (2) female, black, heavy build, with short black hair. Their vehicle is described as a dark compact passenger car, tag number ZSP6186; although the state was not noticed, the tag was white. The incident occurred around 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

As a man was walking towards the taxi stand at the Greenbelt Metro station, two juveniles grabbed his tote bag out of his hand and ran away. Both youths are described as male, about 17 years old, 5'10", 140 lbs., and wearing dark clothing; one was white with black hair and the other was black with brown hair. The mugging occurred around 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 23.

Two juveniles were arrested and charged with theft and malicious destruction of property on Monday, April 24, after someone reported seeing one of them pushing a lawn edger along the Buddy Attick Lake Park trail behind Olivewood Ct. and police responded. The police found the children with a partially disassembled edger, two children's peddle cars, and a lawn mower. The mower had been stolen from Maplewood ct. One of the children ran away when the officer approached, but was later brought to the police station his parent. Both children, 12-and 15-year-old resident males, were released to the custody of their parents pending juvenile court action.

A 14-year-old nonresident youth who had been expelled from his own school cursed at a teacher at Greenbelt Middle School and then ran away when the principal approached him. He also ran away from the police officers, but after a short chase on foot he was apprehended and arrested and charged with trespassing. Then he was released to the custody of his mother pending juvenile court action. The incident occurred around 2:15 p.m. on Friday April 21.

An 18-year-old nonresident student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School was arrested and charged with possession of a pager on school grounds after one was found on him by a school administrator on Thursday, April 27. The youth appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

Beltway Plaza security personnel asked the police to assist them with a large group of juveniles around 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. When the police arrived, one of the juveniles became verbally abusive towards an officer and used profanity. This behavior attracted a crowd of onlookers and the juvenile kept up his loud, boisterous profanity despite requests from the officer to quiet down. Eventually, the juvenile was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, then released to a relative pending juvenile court action. The juvenile was a 15-year-old nonresident.

A man was seen to be staggering in a parking lot of Greenway Center around 9 p.m. on Friday, April 21. Intent on driving away, he was stopped by an officer and given field sobriety tests. The man failed the tests and reeked of alcohol. The man, a 47-year-old nonresident, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, taken to the police station, and later released on citation pending trial.

A 20-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with possession of an alcoholic beverage in a public place after an officer saw him drinking an alcoholic beverage in a vehicle in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Rd. around 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26. The man was released on the scene on citation pending trial. A 33-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after his vehicle was pulled over for equipment and registration violations and police found paraphernalia such as is commonly used for smoking marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial. The incident occurred around 11:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24.

A nonresident man was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended on Tuesday, April 25, after officers found his 10-month-old and 5-year-old children alone for over 15 minutes in a vehicle in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Rd. The man was charged on citation and released on the scene pending trial.

A burglary was reported at a residence in the 9300 block of Edmonston Rd. on Wednesday, April 26. Entry was gained by breaking out a ground-level window. Nothing appeared to have been stolen. Another burglary was reported at a residence in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terr. on Thursday, April 27. Entry was effected by forcing open the patio door. A TV, VCR, and a compact disc player were stolen.

Power tools were stolen in a burglary reported at the AMC 6 Theaters on Monday, April 24. A burglary was reported at a nail salon in the 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane on Tuesday, April 25. A TV and an air brush set were stolen.

Building materials were reported stolen from a construction site in the 6600 block of Springcrest Dr. on Wednesday, April 26. A credit card was stolen from a patron of TGI Friday's around 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26.

Two nonresident women, aged 18 and 19, were arrested for theft when police responded to a tip that they had a stolen vehicle in the area of Roosevelt Center on Thursday, April 27. Both women appeared before a District Court Commissioner and were released pending trial.

A stolen 1986 Buick Regal was recovered in a parking lot in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane on Friday, April 21, when police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle. Another stolen vehicle, a 1984 Toyota Van was recovered in the 6100 block of Breezewood Dr. by an officer on patrol on Thursday, April 27. The vehicle's window had been broken out.

Police obtained an arrest warrant for a 39-year-old nonresident man, in connection with a residential burglary in the 6100 block of Breezewood Dr. that was reported last December 24. At that time, home

electronic equipment and office equipment were stolen. The warrant is for first degree burglary and theft over \$300. It was turned over to the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Office for service.

A 47-year-old nonresident man was arrested on an open warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle as an officer was impounding the vehicle in question; he approached the officer and told him that he had

leased it. The arrested man was then released to the custody of the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Officer for service of the warrant.

Vehicles were reported stolen as follows: Friday, April 21 - A black, two-door, 1988 Oldsmobile Toronado, MD tags JASTONE, from the 6000 block of Cherrywood Ct.; a red, four-door, 1992 Nissan Stanza, VA tags DX8243, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Ct. Thursday, April 27

-a blue, two-door, 1987 Nissan Sentra, DC tags 723408, from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: The 9000 block of Canning Terr., the 500 block of Crescent Rd., the 9000 block of Edmonston Rd., the 7600 and 7800 blocks of Hanover Pkwy., 17 and 18 Courts Ridge Rd., 1 Court Southway, and the 9100 block of Springhill Ct.

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Spring Fair Features Art, Crafts, Auction

The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten will host a Spring Fair on May 13, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the school, which is located behind the Greenbelt Community Church.

All are welcome to the fair which will feature children's games and art projects, a school-wide yard sale, plants, books, crafts, food and drinks.

In addition, there will be a large silent auction which has donations from many contributors. For information, call 474-5570.

Vehicle Donations Requested by UCP

Donate a car or other vehicle to United Cerebral Palsy. Call UCP at (301) 262-4993 or 1-800-621-9403. UCP handles all details including paper processing, picking up the vehicle and selling it at auction. There is no charge to the donor.

UCP provides a statement for tax purposes of estimated retail value. Vehicles are picked up throughout Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. Any vehicle is accepted, running or not, car or truck. Trailers, boats, and RVs accepted. All proceeds go to UCP.

Class of 85 Reunion

The class of 1985 Reunion Committee of Bladensburg High School is seeking classmates interested in attending a reunion. To contact the committee for more information call 301-855-5813 or 301-390-1753.



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Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
474-5285

Our sympathy to the family of Patti Cain who died on April 27. Patti was very active in community affairs and St. Hugh's Church.

Helen and Harvey Nichols, Phil Brandis, Mafalda Fusco and Dorothy Marquis will be performing in the Seasoned Players' production of "The Best of Twenty Years" at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly on May 10 and 11 at 1 p.m., May 12 at 7:30 p.m.; and at Prince Georges Community College on May 17 at 1 p.m.

Sandra Davis, Angela Fagan and Regina Mills were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honor society at P. G. Community College.

Congratulations to Gloria A. Hensel and Robby E. Fink of Silver Spring on the birth of their son Christopher Otha on April 26. Christopher weighed in at 6 lb., 4 oz. His maternal grandparents, Irene and Richard Hensel, live in Greenbelt.

John Soltis has been selected to receive a Citizen of the Year Award from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Soltis was selected because of his dedicated efforts to preserve the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

Christopher C. Astier, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Astier of Lastner Lane, completed his basic training and graduated on April 14 from Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. A1C Astier is now assigned to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.

Suspect in Police Slaying Captured in Greenbelt

The man suspected of killing county police officer Corporal John J. Novobilski was arrested by county police in Springhill Lake on Friday, April 28, according to county police spokesman Al Gibson. The arrest was made at an apartment in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Gibson said. Greenbelt Police assisted by deploying officers in the area in case the suspect attempted to flee, said Greenbelt Police spokesman George Mathews.

Jeffrey C. Gilbert, 26, of Lanham, was charged with first degree murder. Police said that Gilbert was injured while resisting arrest. He was transported to Prince Georges Hospital Center in Cheverly and discharged several days later into police custody, a hospital spokesperson said.

Gilbert had been recently arrested on drug charges in the same vicinity by Greenbelt Police, said Mathews. A Greenbelt officer stopped Gilbert for a traffic violation in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace on March 31 at 1:38 a.m. He was found to be in possession of suspected crack cocaine, said Mathews. Charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, he was incarcerated in lieu of \$30,000 bond. Gilbert later made bail on that charge, which is still pending, and was out on bond at the time of Novobilski's slaying.

Gilbert had been convicted of numerous other charges going back at least six years, according to court records.

County police said that Novobilski was slain in Kentland at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, while working off-duty as a part-time security guard for a liquor store. The suspect, who had argued with the officer, according to press reports, returned minutes later and approached Novobilski from behind as the uniformed officer sat in his marked police car. Police said Gilbert opened fire without warning with an automatic pistol, striking Novobilski numerous times in the head and torso. They characterized the slaying as an "execution."

Murder Weapon

Investigators are still searching for the murder weapon, believed to be an M-11 automatic pistol, and for Novobilski's police firearm, a Beretta semi-automatic 9mm pistol, which police said was taken by Gilbert immediately after the slaying. A \$12,000 reward is being offered by county police for information that will help them locate the weapons. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the firearms, or any other aspects of the case, should contact the county police Homicide Section at 772-4925 or Crime Solvers at 1-800-673-2777.

Novobilski, a seven-year veteran on the force, was assigned to the Beltsville District, which adjoins Greenbelt's jurisdiction. He had also served in the Bowie District, another adjoining area. He was the twenty-first county police officer to die in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1931, police said.

Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze, who attended Novobilski's funeral on Monday, May 1, in Bowie, said Novobilski's death had affected his own officers. "This is something that officers never get used to in their careers," he said. "It's a very emotional time." Noting Gilbert's recent previous arrest by Greenbelt police, Craze said, "It strikes home to us because it could have been one of our officers. He [Gilbert] was staying with his girlfriend in Springhill Lake.... The fact that he was arrested here makes us feel very close to this situation".

Jazz Band Concert

On Monday evening, May 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the University of Maryland Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band will present their Jazz Band Finale Concert in the courtyard of the Tawes Fine Arts Building on the College Park campus. This concert is free and open to the public. For information call 405-5519.

Festival Volunteers

For those who like to plan ahead there is a range of tasks volunteers can perform in making a success of the Prince Georges Jewish Festival. The June 10-11 celebration will be held at Prince Georges Community College. Volunteers will be asked to serve in a variety of tasks such as representing a historical figure to collecting tickets and providing directions. For more information or to volunteer, call 699-2800.

Cancer Seminar

Learn how foods can help reduce the risk of cancer. "Myths & Facts About Diet and Cancer," a free two-hour seminar and slide presentation by the American Institute for Cancer Research, offers practical advice on how to make dietary changes for lower cancer risk and better overall health. This free seminar features registered dietitian Melanie Polk, AICR's Director of Nutrition Education. The seminar will be presented at various locations, including Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Ave. All seminars are free and open to the public. To reserve a seat or to find out about other seminar dates and locations, call 202-328-7744.

Local Artists' Work In Spring Art Show

Greenbelters Mary Cassidy of Hanover Pkwy. and Jo Pritchard of Ridge Rd. will be showing their artwork at the 25th Anniversary Art Show of the Prince Georges Artists' Association. Cassidy paints in acrylics and Pritchard in watercolors.

The show will be held in the Community Room of the Market Place Mall, Route 450, Bowie, on Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 7, from noon to 4 p.m. The artists' reception will take place on Saturday, May 6 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, call Maryan Daniel Formy-Davall at (301) 336-8414.

Pageant Organizers Seek 40 Past Misses Greenbelt

by Sandy Smith

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant will hold its 40th anniversary at the 1995 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and pageant organizers are planning a big celebration. They have invited all past pageant winners and organizers to join in the celebration. Since some have moved out of the area, a big search is now on to locate them. Pageant chair, Natasha Chavrid-Jewell needs help in finding some of those missing. A luncheon, parade float, special recognition from the stage and other ways to acknowledge the 40 years of Miss Greenbelt are being planned for the Labor Day program.

Early Pageants

The first Miss Greenbelt of 1955, Mary Emmert, was actually a Mrs. Greenbelt. She was married, with two small children. For the first ten years, the pageant was a popularity contest. Greenbelters could vote for their favorite candidate by putting pennies in a jar for the candidate of their choice in locations throughout the city. In 1965 a beauty component was added; later the swimsuit competition was eliminated. A talent portion of the pageant was later developed and now participants frequently perform a group song and dance number.

The pageant has evolved. Now its primary focus is on the scholarships awarded and the community activities conducted throughout the year by Miss Greenbelt and her court. For the past three years, the pageant has provided several scholarships supported by area businesses and organizations and through pageant fund-raising. The pageant recognizes not only a Miss Greenbelt and several finalists, but also a Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, and those who have

contributed most to the pageant itself. A pageant advisory committee, established last year, coordinates the Miss Greenbelt, Little Miss and Junior Miss contests and provides general oversight and guidance. The Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageants were developed several years ago to allow younger girls to participate.

Miss Greenbelt

The Pageant still needs to locate the following Miss Greenbelt winners: 1962, Jane Brooks Duval; 1968, Donna Austin Parish (Kling); 1964, Carolyn Finley Flynn; 1971, Beverly Goulart; 1975, Robyn Davis; 1976, Kathy Braddock; 1990, Shannon Grady; 1991, Rosalie Kowmas. A number of individuals served as pageant chair over the 40 years.

Pageant organizers need to locate the directors and are hoping that family or friends will see this article and provide a lead on reaching these former pageant directors: for 1955, Vincent Caruso; 1956, Joe Digostino; 1959 and 1962, Beverly Fonda; 1964, Henry Davis; 1965, Jim Wright; 1967, Mrs. Edward Wuermser; and 1968,

Recreation Review

Tennis Court Use

Tennis court users are reminded to check the posted rules for the city's tennis courts. Greenbelt residents have priority use of the courts.

Roller Skating

Roller skating is held on Tuesday afternoons, 3:30 - 5 p.m., on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot. This program is co-sponsored by M-NC-PPC. Skates will be provided free of charge. For additional information, dial 345-2770.

Tennis Lessons

The Greenbelt Rec. Depart. is offering spring tennis lessons for children May 6 thru June 3. Summer tennis lessons will be offered for adults and children June 24 thru July 22 and August 12 thru September 9. For fee and registration information, please contact the Youth Center Business Office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 474-6878.

CPR Classes

Instruction in Adult CPR, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid class is scheduled for May 15, 16 and 17 from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. For additional information, call Youth Center Business Office at 474-6878, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Joe Bell

Anyone who can provide an address, phone number or a suggestion for reaching the former Miss Greenbelt and pageant directors should contact Natasha Chavrid-Jewell, Pageant Executive Director, at 345-0929.

Presentations Galore At Council Meeting

by Pat Unger

During the opening items of the City Council meeting on April 24, members of the audience caught glimpses of the city's past, present, and future. Under Presentations several aspects of quality of life here were addressed.

First, Mayor Bram presented a proclamation to Margie Deekman in recognition of the 1995 Ride-A-Bike/Take-A-Hike for the benefit of the Association of Retarded Citizens. She in turn presented the Hosea White award to Curt Merrick and his son Greg for outstanding effort on behalf of last year's event. Merrick also serves as treasurer of ARC.

Next Don Comis, a board member of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) received a proclamation for GHI's Earth Day celebration and presented the organization's member-of-the-year award to Keith Jahoda. Council members received commemorative T-shirts and recognized the contributions the housing co-op makes to life in the city.

Then a brief, but thorough run-through of the recent legislative session was presented by State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard. There were mutual congratulations on the success of the \$400,000 bond bill for the Community Center remodeling and pledges to continue a strong working relationship between the city and the delegation. "Give Away Night" continued as Mayor Bram gave a Community Center shirt to Sen. Green and "Greenbelt Is Great" mugs to all three.

Barbara Simon followed with an update on the Lenore Thomas Exhibition planned for Labor Day. Thomas did the Mother-Child statue in the Center and the Constitution frieze on the Community Center. Her daughter has honored Greenbelt with a pledge to donate further works in honor of the artist.

Finally, Pat Unger of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee gave a report from the Project Design Committee of Greenbelt's Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES). (See separate article.) A memo of Understanding has been signed with Cooperative Caring Network (CCN) of United Seniors Health Cooperative to provide technical assistance to the volunteer organization. Unger introduced Farrell Didio, Director of CCN, who welcomed the city to the area-wide network and expressed strong admiration for the healthy spirit of active cooperation she has witnessed in her visits to the city.

Planetarium

Program

The story of an ancient Native American culture and their astronomical observations, entitled "Anasazi: Sunwatchers of Chaco Canyon" will be presented at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd. on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. A live presentation to aid in finding stars, planets, and constellations of the night sky will follow. There is a fee. For more information call 918-8750.

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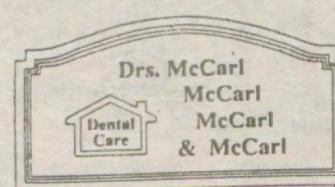
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A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

May is the time for planting the summer garden, for now the soil and air temperatures are warm. And most years the spring rains give the young plants needed frequent waterings. Many of the annual flowers and vegetables can be started from seed planted in the garden or small plants bought at garden stores.

Buy healthy plants that will continue to develop strong leaves and stems and thus will produce many flowers for weeks later in the season. When choosing a plant look for healthy green leaves. Avoid plants with yellowing and browning leaves, grayish spots, bugs, fuzzy patches or webs. Also avoid plants that have a lot of roots sticking out of the bottom of the pot. This is a sign that the plant is pot-bound and has been stressed. Do not worry about having a lot of flowers on the plants yet. At this stage you want the plant to put its energy into producing good leaf and root growth. In fact I buy plants without flowers or pinch them off as soon as I get home. I want their main growth season to be in the middle of the summer, as it would be if I started them from seed.

Tomato and pepper plants should be bought this month; it is too late to start them from seed. Beans, corn and squash can be planted and grown from seed this month. Consider trying some of the smaller varieties of tomatoes and peppers. They produce a lot and it takes less time for them to reach maturity. Cherry tomatoes are not much bigger than marbles or the little balls used to play jacks. Or try small bell pepper types such as "Gypsy" or small wedge types such as "Banana."

The easiest flowers for the sunny garden are zinnia, marigold, cosmos, cleome, and tithonia. The latter two, though not

Caribbean Carnival

Enjoy the sounds and flavor of the Caribbean when Prince Georges Community College hosts its annual Caribbean Springfest Sunday, May 7.

The free festival of music, food, crafts and entertainment will run from 1-7 p.m. in Largo Student Center and the courtyard outside. If it rains, all activities will be moved inside.

The day will feature something for everyone. Performing on the main stage outside will be reggae bands Black Sheep and Oasis and steel band Caiso. Reggae bands Midnight and Soul Defender will entertain in the LSC deli.

There will be an illusionist, African dancing and drumming, juggling, artists drawing caricatures, sumo wrestling, roving artists, craft and food vendors. For children there will be the moon bounce, ball crawl, face painting and for older kids, the "American Gladiators"-inspired game Gladiator Pedestals.

For more information call 322-0853 or TDD 322-0122.

GHI Seeks Members For its Garden Tour

The 1995 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. House & Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, May 20. The Architecture & Environment Committee is currently seeking members who would like to be a part of the tour.

Anyone who is interested in opening a home or garden please contact Terri Rutledge at 982-3451.

well known, are very drought and pest resistant. And all but tithonia come in variety of colors. Plant them in well-prepared garden soil according to instructions on the seed packet and keep the ground moist so they can sprout.

The best annual flowers for the shade garden are impatiens, coleus, begonia, browallia, and torenia.

GBGC Baseball Info

by Jeff Keir

As an exciting start to the 1995 Baseball season, the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club's 14-year old Baseball team will play Marlboro #2 on Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m. (under the lights) at Prince Georges Stadium. Come out and join the team for this exciting event—admission is free.

The Club's 14-year old team will be playing in the County's Boys & Girls Club's AAA division, against teams from such clubs as Kettering, Marlboro, Laurel and New Carrollton. Team members are: Jason Brooks #22, Darren Chang #20, Alex Cosgrove #1, BJ Dennis #18, Jason D'Eramo #11, Sam Fletcher #17, Tracy Lawrence #24, Matt Pelfrey #6, Jaime Pereira #8, Mike Pierce #16, Ryan Ramey #9, Angela Shehadi #2, Robby Strauss #32, Blair White #25 and Billy Wilson #12. The team is coached by Tony Molden and Joe Fitzmaurice.

The Club's 13-year old team begins its season play during the week of May 8, and the Club's 16 & under team begins its season play on May 30. The three teams have been practicing since April 1. For further information on the Club's County Baseball program, call Jeff Keir at: (H) 552-9234. For further information call the Club's 24-hour Sportsline at: (202) 310-1066.

Greenbelt Little League Standings

As of Tues., May 2
American National
League League

	W-L	W-L	
Giants	3-0	Indians	1-1
Athletics	2-0	Cubs	1-2
Tigers	2-0	Lions	0-2
Orioles	1-2	Cardinals	0-3

GAMES

Mon May 8 6: Lions at O's
Tues May 9 6: Indians at Cards
Wed May 10 6: Giants at A's
Thur May 11 6: O's at Tigers
Fri May 12 6: Cubs at Cards
Fri May 12 7: Giants at Indians
Sat May 13 10: Lions at Cubs
Sat May 13 1: A's at Tigers
*Braden Field #2
All others at McDonald's Field



Raffle winner Helen Supple (center) is flanked by daughter Wanda Randall and Miss Greenbelt Carolina Godinez.

Raffle Winner Helen Supple Thought FOP Prize A Scam

by Alex Knott

Helen Supple had very few expectations when she purchased a two-dollar raffle ticket from a police officer on a mild Spring afternoon, but she will soon be headed to St. Maartens after winning a seven-day vacation. The all-expenses-paid trip to the Caribbean island was first prize in a fund raiser for the Fraternal Order of Police of Greenbelt (FOP).

Supple, 82, a retired nurse and 25-year resident of Greenbelt, said, "I never thought I was going to win, but I wanted to buy a ticket because they do good work."

When informed that she won the trip, she was skeptical and kept asking Pvt. John Rogers, president of FOP, whether the trip was a telemarketing scam.

"At first I thought it was a drunken party, because they were all hollering and saying 'congratulations,'" Supple said. "I didn't think it was anything legitimate. I thought it was one of those fly-by-night operations."

Rogers a member of the Greenbelt Police Dept. said, "When we brought her tickets to her, that's when she honestly believed that she won the trip."

Supple will be staying at the Royal Islander Club La Plage, accompanied by her daughter, Wanda Randall. Randall, a receptionist at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center, said of her mother, "She has worked hard all of her life. She's always doing for others, and there's no one who deserves it more."

Even so, Supple is no stranger to travel. She has crossed the country

eight times, and visited Ireland, England, Spain, Germany and France. "I'm really looking forward to getting down there," she said of her upcoming vacation. "I want to see the people and the culture of the island, while I take the time to relax and enjoy it."

According to Rogers, the raffle helped raise \$500 for the Fraternal Order of Police Retirement Fund.

Lions Club Contributes \$750 to Youth Camps

The Greenbelt Lions Club contributed \$500 to the City of Greenbelt for use in supporting summer youth programs, such as Camp Horizons, Camp Sunshine, Camp Pine Tree, Kinderkamp, and Kreative Kids Camp. These funds are earmarked to pay registration fees for Greenbelt children otherwise unable to attend camp this summer. In addition, the Lions Club has donated \$250 to help support the Greenbelt Little League. These community projects supplement the primary Lions Club commitments to help the visually handicapped and hearing impaired.

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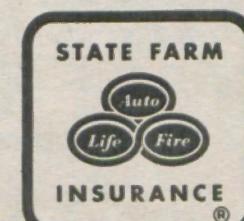
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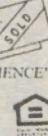
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Council Orders Bike Ban In Woods for next 2 Years

by Mary Moien

At the City Council meeting on April 24, the Council voted for a moratorium on biking in parcels 1 and 2. The moratorium is for two years. Mayor Antoinette Bram clearly specified that this is a 'moratorium', not a ban as had been reported in the Greenbelt News Review article covering the April 11 work session. A moratorium is a temporary stoppage, while a ban is seen as permanent.

Although there had been much discussion at the work session earlier in the month, many residents came out again at this meeting to reiterate their positions. Joe Murray presented a petition to continue biking in the woods. A resident whose home adjoins the woods contends that mountain bikes have removed the top layer of soil and ruined the trails. She disagrees with a moratorium in favor of a permanent ban.

Doug Love stated that the trails were bad before the biking began and are bad now. He feels that maintenance can accomplish much. Bob Rashkin mourned for the lost serenity of the woods. He indicated that he is a biker but that the woods are not where the bikers belong. Valerie O'Brien feels there is a threat to pedestrians on the trails when bikers come out of nowhere at high speed. Laura Beckert is for the moratorium but feels that the hikers and bikers should be working together. She felt that the bikers should be given a chance to show that they can maintain the trails and not scare walkers.

Andrew Farris was in favor of allowing bikers. He feels the trails are poorly planned and the problems of erosion are not the fault of the bikers. He indicated that the University of Maryland mountain bike club as well as his scout troop have offered to help improve the trails. Paul Downs, president, Committee to Save the Greenbelt, stated that the woods are the crowning jewels of the

city. We have to save them.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts indicated that he had agonized over this issue. He wants all to be able to use the woods but feels that the bikers have substantially widened and eroded trails in the last few years. These woods are too small to accommodate all these bikers, especially bikers who are nonresidents. Councilmember Judith Davis felt that the land needs to rest and heal.

The council passed a motion to enforce a moratorium on bicycling in Parcels 1 and 2 for two years. Staff will propose what signage to use and how best to monitor use and enforce fines. Staff also is to keep the council informed on the condition of the trails and the woods.

Arboretum to Open Earlier for Summer

The U.S. National Arboretum is pleased to announce the expansion of its visiting hours. Effective immediately the Arboretum will be open at 8 a.m. every day. The early opening will continue through the end of September and will provide many visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the grounds. The gates will continue to close at 5 p.m. daily.

The National Bonsai and Penjing Museum will remain open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

The U.S. National Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Avenue, N.E. in Washington, D.C. The telephone number is 202-245-2726.

CITY OF GREENBELT Notice to Citizens

No Bicycling On Parcels 1 & 2

At its meeting of April 24, 1995, the Greenbelt City Council declared a two-year moratorium on bicycling in the wooded area of the city known as Parcel 1 and Parcel 2. (This is the area bounded by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the east and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on the north, and which lies on both sides of Northway Extended.) Bicycling in this area is prohibited during the moratorium. Anyone found riding in the area may be issued a citation and fined.

In addition, the City Council is concerned about individuals constructing "improvements" in the area, such as bridges over natural gullies. The Council policy is that the wooded area should be left as pristine as possible. While well intentioned, such "improvements" detract from the natural quality of the woods and may be a source of legal liability as well.

The City Council's moratorium on bicycling in the woods is intended to help the woods recover from damage which may have been caused by this activity in the past. Residents' cooperation in adhering to this new policy is appreciated.

Walk the Bay Bridge

Walkers in Maryland's 21st annual Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk on Sunday, May 7 should arrive early, before designated parking areas are filled, say officials from the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA), the state agency which oversees operations at the Bay Bridge and Maryland's six other toll facilities.

The 4.3-mile walk across the eastbound span of the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge will begin promptly at 9 a.m.; however, Mass Transit Administration shuttle buses will start transporting walkers from the designated parking areas to the walk's Eastern Shore starting point as early as 8:30 a.m. There will be a nominal donation requested for those six or older to help defray the cost of the buses. The shuttles, a number of which are equipped with wheelchair lifts, will continue to run until all parking areas are filled. In previous years they have been filled before noon.

Authorized parking areas include the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium on Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis, Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, and, for Eastern Shore residents, the Chesapeake Bay Business Park in Stevensville. Shuttles will pick up and return walkers to these areas only. No parking will be available at the Bay Bridge or at Sandy Point State Park, although the park will be open for business that day.

Drinking water and portable restroom facilities will be available on the bridge, along with MTA police officers who will be stationed to render assistance to walkers. In the interest of safety, running or jogging will be prohibited, along with pets, bicycles, skates, rollerblades and skateboards. Wheelchairs and strollers with children are welcome.

The walk will be cancelled for inclement weather or high winds. Cancellation announcements will be made on local radio stations. For information call 1-800-541-9595.



Girl Scouts visit birthplace of Juliette Low, Girl Scouts' founder, in Savannah, GA.

Local Girl Scouts Travel to Savannah

by Chizuko Nakamura

Nineteen Greenbelt Girl Scouts and 10 adults went on a five-day trip to the historic city of Savannah, Ga., and learned more than just the roots of Girl Scouting.

They left Greenbelt on April 9 and spent all day in the bus, watching videos, singing songs and playing cards.

The purpose of the trip was to visit the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, who founded the Girl Scouts in 1912. The group explored the heritage of Girl Scouts and some aspects of nineteenth-century life through a house tour and a slide show. The Regency-style townhouse, built in the early nineteenth century, "had a lot of different types of furniture that you wouldn't see now," said Scout Stephanie Meadows.

The group also went sightseeing around flowerbedecked Savannah, and although "it was tiring walking all day" according to Madeline Bell, "it was worth it because we went on a trolley tour and the people were very nice."

The trip also provided the group with some surprises. The Girl Scouts saw the black smoke and flames of a chemical fire that occurred nearby on the first night of the trip, and viewed a huge picture of Elvis painted by artists who were trying to get into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Patty Bell, Madeline's mother, who went on the trip, commented: "The girls learned not only Girl Scouting but how to behave in a hotel and eat in a restaurant. I heard them discussing tipping."

For most of the girls, it was their first trip away from home, said Karen Yoho, Junior Girl Scout leader and service unit manager.

The troop raised the money for the outing, which was planned last summer by selling cookies, baked goods and crafts. Part of the cost and food were donated by local individuals and businesses such as Greenbelt Marriott, Co-op Supermarket, Price Club in Beltsville and Olympic Imported Auto Parts in College Park.

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